

CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION TRANSMITTAL SHEET

DATE: March 21, 1991

We wish to inform you of proposed actions in the Agency's programs during Fiscal Year 1991:

Asia & Private Enterprise Regional - Environmental Support Project, Phase I
Asia & Private Enterprise Regional - Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Partnership for Education
~~Asia & Private Enterprise Regional - Regional Vitamin A Project~~
Regional Office for Central American Programs - Regional Environmental and Natural Resources Management
South Pacific Regional - Market Access and Regional Competitiveness
Peru TN - Narcotics Education and Public Awareness
 - Private Sector Management Improvement
 - Policy Analysis, Planning and Implementation
 - Program Development and Support
Dominican Republic TN - Child Survival
Honduras TN - Land Use Productivity Enhancement
 - Health Sector II
 - Policy Analysis and Implementation
Togo TN - Togo Child Survival
 - Project Development and Support
El Salvador - Occupational Safety and Health
REDSO/ESA TN - CAFS Family Planning Training Support II
Cape Verde TN - Program Development and Support
Central African Republic TN - Rural Enterprise Development
Egypt TN - PVO Development Program
Niger TN - Small Project Assistance
 - Program Development and Support
 - Economic Policy Reform
 - Policy Analysis and Monitoring
Africa Region - HIV/AIDS Prevention in Africa

The attached notification was sent to the Hill on March 21, 1991. Obligation may be incurred on April 5, 1991.


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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
ADVICE OF PROGRAM CHANGE

COUNTRY: Asia and Private Enterprise
Regional

PROJECT TITLE: Regional Vitamin A Project

PROJECT NUMBER: 499-0006

FY 1991 CP REFERENCE: Asia & Near East, & Europe,
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APPROPRIATION CATEGORY: Agriculture, Rural
Development & Nutrition (ARDN)

LIFE-OF-PROJECT FUNDING: \$12,000,000 (Grant)

INTENDED FY 1991 OBLIGATION: \$1,500,000

This is to advise that A.I.D. intends to obligate \$1,500,000 in grant funds this fiscal year under the Regional Vitamin A project. This is a new project under the newly established Asia and Private Enterprise Bureau. This project was previously part of the Asia, Near East and Europe Bureau with no intended FY 91 obligation. The Life-of-Project funding will be \$12,000,000.

The project purpose is to reduce the incidence of vitamin A deficiency among children through improved vitamin A intervention programs in the APRE region.

Attachment: Activity Data Sheet

**AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
ACTIVITY DATA SHEET**

CP 01-08 (4-88)

PROGRAM: Asia and Private Enterprise Regional

TITLE: Regional Vitamin A		FUNDING SOURCE: Agriculture, Rural Development and Nutrition	PROPOSED OBLIGATION (in thousands of dollars)		LIFE OF PROJECT (Asth)
			FY 91	1,500	12,000
NUMBER: 499-0006	NEW <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PRIOR REFERENCE: None	INITIAL OBLIGATION: FY 91	ESTIMATED FINAL OBLIGATION: FY 95	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE OF PROJECT: FY 96
GRANT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LOAN <input type="checkbox"/>	CONTINUING <input type="checkbox"/>			

Purpose: To provide a funding mechanism to allow APRE Bureau to more effectively program funds directed to Vitamin A activities. The overall goal of the project is to reduce infant and child morbidity and mortality in the APRE countries. The purpose is to reduce the incidence of vitamin A deficiency among children through improved vitamin A intervention programs in the region.

Background: For many years, severe vitamin A deficiency has been recognized as a cause of blindness. In the Asia region, an estimated 5 million children develop vitamin A deficiency each year, with 15 to 30 million suffering from at least mild deficiency at any one time. Asia has also been a leading region in contributing to the growing knowledge about vitamin A in the health and nutrition status of populations and in the development of new technologies to combat vitamin A deficiency.

Recent studies also indicate a clear relationship between vitamin A and child survival, with recent studies documenting decreased mortality and morbidity among children supplemented with vitamin A. Further studies are needed to answer some of the unknowns which remain about vitamin A in public health programs.

In FY 1987, the former ANE Bureau authorized a Regional Technical Services in Vitamin A Project to begin using vitamin funds in Asia for the first time. From FY 1987 to FY 1990, the ANE Bureau utilized a total of \$4.25 million of vitamin A earmarked funds. Since FY 1987, the bulk of the vitamin A activities funded under this mechanism were used in countries that are now in the APRE Bureau.

Project Description: The project will provide technical assistance to Missions and the APRE Bureau in the design and implementation of Vitamin A services in selected countries. The assistance will focus on: needs assessments; research on programmatic issues such as integration of vitamin A supplementation with EPI programs, supplementation of lactating mothers and supplementation of infants less than six months of age; program design; and evaluation and monitoring of on-going programs. PVO activities will concentrate on countries that have documented serious vitamin A deficiency problems like Bangladesh, Indonesia, Nepal and the South Pacific.

Relationship of Project to A.I.D. Strategy: Addressing vitamin A deficiency is one of A.I.D.'s highest priorities for nutrition. In addition it is a substrategy of the Child Survival Strategy. Resources provided under this mechanism will assist Missions to integrate vitamin A interventions into their bilateral programs and to improve on-going activities.

Host Country and Other Donors: Assistance will be provided in response to Mission and host government requests. In some cases, other donors may support programs designed as a result of assistance provided under this project.

Beneficiaries: Vitamin A interventions will be targeted to those most-at-risk of mortality and morbidity associated with vitamin A deficiency, such as children under five and women of child-bearing age.

Major Outputs:

	<u>All Years</u>
An assessment of the status of vitamin A programs in the Asia region.	X
Increased capacity for designing and implementing vitamin A interventions.	X
A system for evaluating and monitoring vitamin A programs in the region.	X

A.I.D.-Financed Inputs:

	<u>Life-of-Project</u>
	(\$ 000)
Technical Assistance	\$ 4,000
Grants	3,000
Research	3,000
Other costs	2,000
	<u>\$12,000</u>